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Dear Mr. Jaffe,

We support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP). This is a barbaric method to subject an animal to, only for the sake of profit. This procedure is so cruel that it was banned in Great Britain in 1987, and most European countries do not allow food deprivation for more than 24 hours.

Furthermore, my husband and I are totally against keeping hens in cages. What these birds go through is terrible. Forced molting is a major cause of salmonella poisoning in eggs as well.

We will not buy eggs until this abominable treatment of animals stops.

Sincerely,

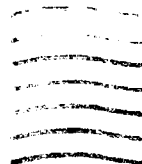
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